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Tuesday December 12, 2023



Minutes of a meeting of the Council of Kanata United Church (KUC) held over Zoom on December 12, 2023, at 7 p.m. with Julia Duffy as Chair.

Present: Ron Allen (Trustees, non-voting), Robert Ashton (Member at Large), Kathy Beamish (Treasurer), Brenda Beattie (Worship), Donna Caron (Outreach), Rev. Cindy Casey, Robert Chanter (B&G), Jan Chanter (Ministry and Personnel), Sue Davidson (Children Youth and Families), Julia Duffy (Chair), Al Quirt (Secretary), Kathleen Turner (Member at Large).
Corresponding Members: none. **Regrets:** none.

Julia Duffy welcomed KUC Council members and lit the Christ candle.

Bob Chanter presented a year-end reflection from the Catholic Health association in USA. We are looking back, and ahead, but also living and breathing in this moment.

We agreed on the agenda as circulated.

We Review Past Business

Minutes

Moved by Al and **seconded** by Bob C. to approve the revised minutes for the Nov. 2023 KUC Council meeting as circulated. **Carried.**

Business Arising from minutes - Julia

Moved by Robert **seconded** by Kathleen that we continue In Camera. **Carried.** On return:

Moved by Kathy and **seconded** by Brenda that Council appoints Cindy Casey and Robert Ashton to follow up with Steve Free on Guaranteed Livable Income and related issues. **Carried.**

Communications Received - Al

Three emails from Steve Free were received via the Correspondence to Council email address.

- Nov. 19 suggested minor re-wording of part of History on our web site to mention our Core Values, and of the start of our Vision and Call statement.
- Nov. 19 related to Guaranteed Livable income and Council's response in October.
- Dec. 2, originally addressed to Kathleen Turner, related to the remit passed by Council on Autonomous National Indigenous Organization within UCC.

Received for information.

We Grow in Faith and Consider Our Mission - a time for major issues

Ministers' Update - Cindy

- Christmas pageant was outstanding.
- Jan 14 Grant Dillenbeck will replace Cindy who will be on study leave.
- Cindy will soon send out the previously promised background on Unified Budget.

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AGM Planning - Julia

- Highly positive reaction to the draft agenda, with minor rearrangements. Agreed that we would try to show clearly that we are a team working together, for example by having multiple people at the front for most items.
- People were assigned to lead specific sections of the meeting including the three ministry spotlights (Affirm, B&G, Truth and Reconciliation).
- Some prefer Feb. 18 to Feb. 25 date but that is Family Day weekend. For now, the Feb. 25 date (set last year) will stand. Final date to be decided soon.

Succession Planning Update - Julia/Cindy**Financial Update**

- A financial summary was circulated in KUC This Week.
- It now appears not to be necessary to transfer investments to cover portable costs, which are now estimated at about \$88K. Robert will approach the city to reduce development charges once we have an occupancy permit. Many details are still being worked out and there are grant opportunities.
- Cost of the required firewall might be reduced with volunteer labour.

M&P Update - Jan

There have been ongoing updates to staff responsibilities. One is that groups wanting specific wording on the KUC sign will now be responsible for updating the sign. The M&P draft budget now includes an additional \$5K for professional services.

B&G Update - Bob

- Backflow valve project seems to be progressing routinely.
- Some long-term maintenance items have been re-scheduled.
- B&G succession effort will be publicized in January.

Succession planning update - Julia

Julia will remain as chair for a limited time after the AGM but we need a Chair Elect for the AGM. We also have a potential new Member at Large before the AGM.

Stewardship Update- Cindy

We have received more forms than last year at this point. So far nearly all have maintained or increased their givings, and more are still coming in. Andrea is now keeping more detailed records on response to initiatives such as the Christmas Gift letter.

Suggestion from a new member to have a clothing exchange twice a year. Get a coupon good for one item for each donation. Policies suggested for other situations. Another group in town has had good success with a similar concept. All complete in one week with no ongoing storage. A charity in Pembroke would welcome any remaining clothing.

KUC Council Planning and Review - Julia

- January (AGM Prep, Annual Report try to be ready before end of January)

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- February (AGM) - February 25, 2024 (subject to final confirmation)
- March (AGM Retro, Strategic Planning for 2024/2025)

We Steward our Ministries –administrative details and financial health

Other Business

We Go Out

Cindy led in closing prayer.

We agreed to end the meeting at 9 pm.

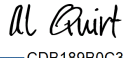
Schedule for future Meetings (Z=Zoom, IP=In Person)

January 16, 2024	Reflection: Sue Davidson
February 12 2024	Reflection: Kathleen Turner
AGM, 2024	February 25, 2024
March, 19. 2024	Reflection: Brenda Beattie

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Chair - Julia Duffy

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Secretary - Al Quirt